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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 16 September 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Protection of civilians in armed conflict

Other matters

10.30 a.m.	4046th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Protection of civilians in armed conflict

   Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on the protection of civilians in armed conflict (S/1999/957)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the findings, observations and recommendations contained in the report made by the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the procurement process in the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM III) (A/53/1018)
2. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (A/53/1023)
3. Gratis personnel provided by Governments (A/53/1028)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations convened by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), on the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, specifically with regard to the question of the consultative status of Christian Solidarity International

Substantive session for 1999

12 noon- 1 p.m.	47th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Official inauguration of the renovated Economic and Social Council Chamber
2. Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	48th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Consideration of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, specifically with regard to the question of the consultative status of Christian Solidarity International (E/1999/109 and Add.1)

Consideration of draft resolution II contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (E/1999/43) and programme budget implications thereon contained in document E/1999/L.48

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1999

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. UNFPA: Technical support services [7] (DP/FPA/1999/12)
2. UNFPA: Country programmes and related matters [8] (DP/FPA/AZE/1, DP/FPA/KAZ/1, DP/FPA/KGZ/1, DP/FPA/PAK/6, DP/FPA/PHL/5, DP/FPA/TJK/1, DP/FPA/TKM/1, DP/FPA/UZB/1, DP/FPA/HTI/2/EXT.1)
3. UNDP: Country cooperation frameworks and related matters [3] (DP/1999/36, DP/CCF/CAF/1, DP/CCF/ANT/1, DP/CCF/ECU/1, DP/CCF/HAI/1, DP/CCF/ERI/1/EXT.1)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today* at 9 a.m. in Conference Room E.

There will be an informal briefing on the United Nations Capital Development Fund *today* from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.]

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 16 September 1999

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP
(Commission on Sustainable Development matters)

9 a.m.-9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

9 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES
(on the drafting of the ministerial declaration)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Annual conference

The Fifty-second Annual DPI/NGO Conference entitled "Challenges of a Globalized World: Finding New Directions", will continue *today,* 16 September 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

NGO Workshops, organized by the NGO/DPI Planning Committee, will take place from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. daily in various conference rooms and in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Copies of the Conference programme are available on the Internet at the following address: www.un.org/MoreInfo/ngolink/52conf.htm. For further information, please call (212) 963-1361, 963-7709, 963-1285 or 963-7234.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 September 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 17 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

11 a.m. 3rd PLENARY MEETING Conference Room 3

Organization of work of the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/54/250)*

* To be issued.

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold informal consultations on Tuesday, 21 September 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

The 2nd meeting of the First Committee will be held on Thursday, 23 September 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider the organization of work.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 21 September 1999, at *3 p.m.* in Conference Room 2, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.3/54/L.1)*.

* To be issued.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 21 September 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work. A note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation will shortly be issued in document A/C.5/54/L.1

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The Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives will meet in resumed session, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, on Tuesday, 21 September 1999. The meeting will be held in the afternoon, following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Third Committee in Conference Room 2, in order to take action on draft decisions A/AC.253/L.12 and L.13.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Wednesday, 22 September 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room E (to be confirmed).

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The Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), will give a briefing on the programme of work of the Commission on Thursday, 7 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly (20-25 September and 29 September-2 October 1999) is now available in room S-2925 (General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division). The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative). The list of speakers is also available on the Internet at the following address: www.un.org/ga/54/list54.htm. Any queries concerning the list of speakers should be addressed to the Division (Mrs. Nicolle Matias-Veyne (tel.: (212) 963-5063)).

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TWENTY-SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ON THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES
(*27 and 28 September 1999*)

The provisional list of speakers (No.1) in the debate on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-3001G). The provisional list of speakers (No.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second, Third and Fifth Committees *(on the drafting of the ministerial declaration)* on Friday, 17 September 1999 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 24 September 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Twenty-third Annual Ministerial Meeting will be preceded by the Eleventh Annual Senior Officials Meeting of the Group of 77 on Wednesday, 22 September 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Non-Aligned Movement with the Group of 77 and China (Joint Coordinating Committee) on Wednesday, 22 September 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

There will be a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 23 September 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

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Special briefings

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a briefing on "Financial Development in the Globalizing World", the thematic part of *World Economic and Social Survey 1999*, on Friday, 17 September 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will chair the briefing. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing for non-governmental organizations by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Mr. Olara A. Otunnu, on his mission to Sierra Leone and Guinea and Security Council resolution 1261, on Tuesday, 21 September 1999, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. For registration, please contact Ms. Theresa Stichick, Office of the Special Representative, by 12 noon *today*, 16 September (tel.: (212) 963-4710 or 963-3178).

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The Regional Representative of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), Mr. Michael Platzer, will brief permanent missions on current efforts to implement the Barbados Plan of Action on Drug Control. The briefing will be held Monday, 27 September 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E, and will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are organizing the second session in the UNU/UNITAR Series, entitled "Workshop on International Environmental Law". Session II will be conducted in English on Thursday , 30 September, and on Friday, 1 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 23 September 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecilia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.:(212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 15 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 1st and 2nd meetings

Note: The summary of the 1st and 2nd meetings of the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/178).

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY 198th meeting

The Acting Chairman made a statement.

Consideration of, and recommendations on, issues arising in connection with the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations [1]

The representatives of Costa Rica, Mali, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States made statements.

The Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Commission for the United Nations, Consular Corps and Protocol made a statement.

The Chief of the Safety and Security Service made a statement and responded to questions raised by delegations. The Acting Chairman also spoke.

Other matters [2]

The Acting Chairman spoke.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Italy (14 September 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Argentina (14 September 1999)*

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Accession: Mozambique (14 September 1999)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Lesotho (14 September 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interfaith service

To mark the opening of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and to commemorate the Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World, the Interfaith Center of New York and the Temple of Understanding are organizing the Annual Interfaith Service of Commitment to the Work of the United Nations. The Service will be held *today*, 16 September 1999, at 8.45 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church (Park Avenue at 51st Street in Manhattan). Special guests will include the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and Mrs. Nane Annan. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, accredited correspondents and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 16 September 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Special event

Under the sponsorship of the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, a special event on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the admission of Bangladesh to the United Nations will be held on Friday, 17 September 1999, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, will attend the commemorative meeting. Former and present senior officials of the United Nations will address the event.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Security announcements

Briefing

The Security and Safety Service will convene briefing on security arrangements for the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly for the permanent and observer missions on Friday, 17 September 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Closure of the garage

For security reasons, the United Nations garage will be closed for parking at 12 noon on Sunday, 19 September 1999, and will reopen for authorized vehicles at 4 a.m. on Monday, 20 September. Remaining vehicles will be towed and stored at the owner's expense. Those who intend to make use of the parking area from 51st to 57th Streets from 6 a.m. Sunday, 19 September, to 6 a.m. on Monday, 20 September, should display their valid United Nations parking decal on the interior dashboard windonw. Further details about arrangements can be found in circular ST/IC/1999/75.

Arrangements for the official party

The permanent and observer missions wishing to discuss security arrangements for the official visit of their Government during the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly may contact the Security and Safety Service (tel.: (212) 963-9346 or 963-7531). Attention will be given to requests for walk-throughs and it will be possible to schedule an appointment during the weekend of 17 to 19 September.

Grounds passes

Regarding the issuance of United Nations grounds passes, the Pass and Identification Office, located on the ground floor of the UNITAR Building (45th Street and First Avenue), will be open on Saturday and Sunday, 18 and 19 September, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Monday and Tuesday, 20 and 21 September, from 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. For extended hours of service please fax requests to the Chief, Security and Safety Service (fax: (212) 963-9541).

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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